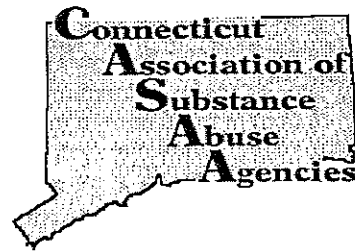CONNECTICUT
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January 27, 2010

Senator Martin Looney, Co-Chair
Representative Claire Janowski, Co-Chair
Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 1000
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Looney and Representative Janowski,

I am writing on behalf of Connecticut Association of Nonprofits' (CT Nonprofits) behavioral health providers regarding the nomination of Patricia Rehmer as Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). Our membership highly supports Governor Rell's nomination of Patricia Rehmer and urges your approval.

Nonprofit providers are an integral part of the public/private partnership in the healthcare service delivery system in Connecticut. As Deputy Commissioner, Pat has worked very hard to maintain and foster this partnership. Over her 25 years of working with mental health agencies, Pat Rehmer has worked closely with many of our members, including the crucial role she has played for all behavioral health providers during her five years as Deputy Commissioner at DMHAS. She is dedicated to listening to providers and consumers of DMHAS services and including all in developing solutions to the challenges we face. Pat Rehmer has demonstrated a commitment to quality improvements and an ability to adapt to a changing environment. We are confident that under her leadership DMHAS will continue its focus on a recovery, community-oriented system of care, as well as its unprecedented pursuit of federal and private grant dollars for behavioral health services.

Again, we urge your approval of Patricia Rehmer's nomination as Commissioner of DMHAS. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Liza Andrews
Public Policy Director

Cc: Senator Donald Williams, Senate President Pro Tempore
        Representative Chris Donovan, Speaker of the House
        Senator John McKinney, Senate Minority Leader
        Representative Denise Merrill, House Majority Leader
        Representative Larry Cafero, House Minority Leader
        All Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee Members